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SUBJECT: CCD: US-SOVIET CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONSULTATIONS,  
FIFTH ROUND

1. PLEASE COMMUNICATE POINTS CONTAINED PARAS 2 AND 3 BELOW  
TO SOVIET CCD REPRESENTATIVE.

2. US SIDE WISHES TO BEGIN WORKING OUT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT  
FOR FIFTH ROUND OF US-SOVIET CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONSULTATIONS.  
WE ARE CONCERNED THAT COMMUNIQUEES AND PRESS RELEASES  
FOR RECENT ROUNDS HAVE BEEN OVERLY COMPLEX AND HAVE  
NOT ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE BROADENED SCOPE OF THE  
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CONSULTATIONS. OUR PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT (PARA 3) FOR THE  
FIFTH ROUND HAS BEEN DRAFTED TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS.  
WE BELIEVE IT PROVIDES AN ACCURATE, READABLE STATEMENT  
OF THE FACTS. WE WOULD LIKE SOVIET COMMENTS AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

3. TEXT OF PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT, FOR RELEASE AUGUST 16,

FOLLOWS:

BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR DIRECTED TOWARD ELIMINATING CHEMICAL WEAPONS WERE RESUMED TODAY IN GENEVA. CURRENT MEETING IS THE FIFTH IN A SERIES BEGUN IN AUGUST 1976. THE TWO SIDES ARE CONSIDERING ISSUES RELATED TO A POSSIBLE JOINT INITIATIVE IN THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD) THAT COULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION BY THE CCD OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USA AND THE USSR TO THE CCD, AMBASSADOR ADRIAN S. FISHER AND AMBASSADOR V.I. LIKHATCHEV, ARE HEADING THE RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS.

4. FYI: IN OUR VIEW PAST COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE CAN BE IMPROVED BY SHORTER AND MORE DIRECT SENTENCES. AT TIME OF FOURTH ROUND SOVIET DEPUTY DELEGATION CHIEF AGREED WE NEEDED LESS CUMBERSOME FORMULATION BUT DID NOT HAVE TIME TO GET MOSCOW CLEARANCE. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE "MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL" FORMULATION DERIVED FROM JULY 1974 SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE NO LONGER REFLECTS SCOPE OF CONSULTATIONS AND SHOULD BE DROPPED. YOU SHOULD SEEK PARALLEL PRESS RELEASES THAT AVOID THESE TWO PROBLEMS.

5. IN FIRST SENTENCE OF DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT QUOTE TALKS UNQUOTE (RUSSIAN EQUIVALENT: PEREGOVOY) IS ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR CONSULTATIONS. CHRISTOPHER  
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